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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Marino – Arrest Made in ‘Specific Violent Threat’ against San Marino High School Student

(U) One person was arrested and classes were initially canceled at San Marino High School after an alleged threat was made against an identified student and other possible students. An "active shooter threat" was received around 6 a.m. yesterday morning, according to the San Marino Police Department. It was not immediately clear if the threat was received via phone, email or social media. The school was placed on lockdown out of an abundance of caution.

SOURCE: 4 March 2019, [NBC Los Angeles](#)

(U) South Los Angeles – \$1 Million Worth of Crystal Meth Seized in South LA

(U) Police seized more than 100 pounds of crystal meth worth \$1 million in South Los Angeles over the weekend. Two people were arrested Sunday in the case and officers recovered a loaded gun. The drugs were wrapped in several dozen plastic bags. Additional information about the case were not immediately available.

SOURCE: 4 March 2019, [LA Times](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Border Patrol Seized over \$1.5 Million Worth of Marijuana in the Rio Grande Valley

(U) Rio Grande Valley – US Border Patrol agents disrupted multiple smuggling attempts that resulted in the seizure of over 1,900 pounds of narcotics. Last Thursday, agents seized 466 pounds from a suspicious vehicle near the border. Yesterday, agents seized more than 390 pounds of marijuana after smugglers abandoned the narcotics and fled to Mexico. In addition, agents seized over 1000 pounds of marijuana in multiple incidents over the last few days.

SOURCE: 4 March 2019, [CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arizona – DEA Announces Bust Netting Drugs, Arms, and Six Suspects

(U) Phoenix – The US Drug Enforcement Administration seized a cache of narcotics and weapons and arrested six people after a months-long investigation into a local criminal group. The bust was carried out last Friday with the help of several local law enforcement agencies. Warrants on four homes captured about 1,000 suspected fentanyl pills, about 4.4 pounds of cocaine, \$28,000 in cash and sixteen weapons. The six suspects included an admitted member of the MS-13 street gang.

SOURCE: 4 March 2019, [Washington Times](#)

(U) Arizona – Police Arrest Suspect in Series of Explosions in Northwest Phoenix

(U) Phoenix – The Phoenix Police Department announced the arrest of a suspect in a spate of "explosions" reported in Northwest Phoenix between October and December 2018. While no injuries were reported in any of the explosions, there was some amount of property damage. Investigators

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believe the suspect threw the explosives from his vehicle or other set points. The investigation is ongoing and additional charges are possible.

SOURCE: 4 March 2019, [CBS 5](#)

(U) District of Columbia – Report: Chinese Hackers Targeting Universities for Maritime Technology

(U) Washington – Chinese hackers have targeted nearly 30 universities around the world as part of an effort to steal research about maritime technology, The Wall Street Journal reported today. The news outlet cited research from iDefense, a cybersecurity intelligence unit of AccentureSecurity, that showed Chinese hackers have targeted the University of Hawaii, the University of Washington and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, among others. There are reportedly at least two other universities in the US, Canada and Southeast Asia that have been targeted as part of the effort to acquire research about technology developed for military use.

SOURCE: 5 March 2019, [The Hill](#)

(U) Missouri – Man Charged with Setting Fire to Planned Parenthood Clinic in Missouri

(U) Ardsley – A Missouri man is in custody after he allegedly set fire to a Planned Parenthood clinic last month. Wesley Brian Kaster was arrested and charged for attempting to burn down the building with a Molotov cocktail. Authorities identified Kaster through a surveillance video and advised he made two attempts to set the clinic on fire. Kaster is now in federal custody and awaiting an initial hearing.

SOURCE: 4 March 2019, [CBS News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – Stabbing of Guards at French Prison Treated as Terror Attack

(U) Paris – French anti-terror prosecutors are investigating a knife attack by a prison inmate that injured two guards in western France. The inmate locked himself in a visiting room after stabbing the guards with a ceramic knife. The guards' injuries are not life-threatening and no hostages were taken. The Justice Ministry advised the inmate was convicted on several charges including glorifying terrorism. Local media say the inmate was known as a radicalized Islamist.

SOURCE: 5 March 2019, [Washington Times](#)

(U) Syria – 200 Militants Evacuated from ISIS Enclave in Eastern Syria

(U) Deir al-Zor Province – The US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) said it evacuated about 3,000 people, including around 200 ISIS militants, from the group's last enclave in eastern Syria. The head of the SDF media office advised about 1,000 militants may still be inside Baghouz as well as additional civilians, which is holding up the battle to retake the village.

SOURCE: 4 March 2019, [Reuters](#)

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